

*Historical Society of Palm Desert*

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Dear Members,

While you're away enjoying cool weather. . .the work continues at home.

- . . . We're all excited that our section of the Riverside County Historical Resources Survey, under the chairmanship of Rheo Lawman, is almost complete. It's been an ongoing project since January, and the first to be undertaken in the County. June Alley, Pat Anderson, Thelma Ayers, Fay Bowie, Anne Carpenter, Frances Hack, John Kennedy, Rosa Klein, Rheo Lawman, Sheri Vasquez, Mina Welcome, Evelyn Young, Pat Young and Les Yoxsimer accompanied officials from the Historical Office of the Riverside County Parks Department in touring and photographing historical sites in the areas of LaQuinta, Indian Wells, Palm Desert, Rancho Mirage, and Thousand Palms. Some of these historical resources will be nominated to the State and National preservation Registries.
- . . . The ongoing production of audio-visual materials has taken a major step forward and is in the final production stages. The premiere presentation is scheduled for late Fall. Watch for a further announcement.
- . . . We have been collecting photographs, and copying old photographs. We have CETA workers this summer as part of the Youth Summer Employment Program, who are finishing the cataloguing and indexing of the oral history interviews that we did last year. They are also assisting in the organizing of our archives.
- . . . At the annual meeting of the Commission, John Kennedy was elected president for the ensuing year with Anne Carpenter serving as vice president. Pat Anderson continues as treasurer, Jeannette Yoxsimer as secretary, and Evelyn Young will serve as Educational Director. Ed Mullins remains as Honorary Chairman. Cliff Henderson is our senior director.
- . . . Earlier this year, the Historical Commission suggested several historical preservation additions to the new Palm Desert General Plan. As these additions were accepted, we have now placed before the Palm Desert City Council an ordinance on the preservation of historical resources. In the Fall, we will be approaching the City Councils of Indian Wells and Rancho Mirage for similar legislation. This enactment provides for a committee which reviews the significance of historical sites within the city at the time of proposed demolition or remodelling, and said committee makes recommendations as to its significance.
- . . . During the summer months, we would like to re-print the directory of our membership. If you have had a change of mailing address or phone number since you submitted this information upon paying 1981-82 dues, please so advise. If we have not received current dues, enclosed is a form for your completion to be returned with your check.

Sincerely,

Jeannette A. Yoxsimer, Secretary